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Subject: RE: DW Update 0130 01/16/14

thanks karen

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FYI- most recent update..

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Drinking water update as of 1/16/14, 1:30 pm:

· Late yesterday (1/15/14), ATSDR/CDC provided additional advice to the Bureau for Public Health regarding the target screening level used for “clearing the West Virginia American Water Company (WVAWC) distribution system. While the 1 ppm level of methylcyclohexanemethanol (BCHM) is still believed to be protective, ATSDR/CDC recommended that pregnant women are advised that they may wish to seek an alternate source of water. This precaution is featured prominently on the WVAWC website, adjacent to the ‘water safety map,’ and appears early in press advisories issued to announce the lifting of “Do Not Use” restrictions in successive zones within the distribution system.

· As of the most recent announcement, WVAWC estimates that 71,000 customers (of estimated 100,000) now can use water without restrictions.

· The instructions on how to flush household and building plumbing are explicit in material on WVAWC’s website. However, unanticipated issues have arisen, and new FAQs are added to those already posted as common questions or previously unexplained matters are found. New FAQs addressing issues such as lingering odors, cloudy or discolored water, can be found at <http://www.amwater.com/files/Elk%20River%20WQ%20FAQ.pdf>

· The Poison Control Center has been designated as a source of information for consumers concerned about health issues. At this point, we understand that there is no clear association of health complaints with exposure. FEMA has given ATSDR a limited mission assignment to initiate an epidemiological study.

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